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# General and complete disarmament

## Report of the First Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. The item entitled:

"General and complete disarmament:

"(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

"(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

"(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

"(e) Transparency in armaments;

"(f) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

"(g) Relationship between disarmament and development;

"(h) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

"(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

"(j) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

"(k) Contributions towards banning anti-personnel landmines;

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"(l) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

"(m) Small arms;

"(n) Nuclear disarmament;

"(o) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

"(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

"(q) Regional disarmament;

"(r) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

"(s) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

"(t) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction"

was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolutions 42/38 C of 30 November 1987, 46/36 L of 9 December 1991, 47/52 L of 15 December 1992, 50/70 B of 12 December 1995, 51/45 B to F, H, J to O, Q, S and T of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 A to T of 9 December 1997 and decision 51/414 of 10 December 1996.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 17 September 1998, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 63 to 79, which was held at the 3rd to 12th meetings, from 12 to 16 and from 19 to 21 October (see A/C.1/53/PV.3–12). Thematic discussions on the items were held, and draft resolutions were introduced and considered, at the 14th to 21st meetings, on 23 and from 27 to 30 October and on 2 November (see A/C.1/53/PV.14–21). Action on all draft resolutions was taken at the 22nd to 31st meetings, from 3 to 6 and on 9, 10, 12 and 13 November (see A/C.1/53/PV.22–31).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament (A/53/27);[1]

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission (A/53/42);[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control (A/53/158 and Add.1–3);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof (A/53/160 and Add.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on small arms (A/53/169 and Add.1–3);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between disarmament and development (A/53/206);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 42* (A/53/42).

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them (A/53/207);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (A/53/334 and Add.1);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons* (A/53/208 and Add.1);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol (A/53/303);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on nuclear disarmament (A/53/415);

(l) Note by the Secretary-General on notification of nuclear tests (A/53/427);

(m) Letter dated 19 December 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/56);

(n) Letter dated 25 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/73–S/1998/163 and Corr.1);

(o) Letter dated 5 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/78);

(p) Letter dated 29 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/132–S/1998/448);

(q) Letter dated 9 June 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovenia, South Africa and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/138);

(r) Letter dated 30 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/162);

(s) Letter dated 20 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/183);

(t) Letter dated 18 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/273);

(u) Letter dated 26 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/297);

(v) Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/396);

(w) Letter dated 16 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-ninth South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia on 24 and 25 August 1998 (A/53/416);

(x) Letter dated 9 October 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the Panama City Declaration and the Declaration of Heads of State and Government adopted at the Twelfth Summit of the Rio Group, held at Panama City on 4 and 5 September 1998 (A/53/489);

(y) Letter dated 15 October 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/506–S/1998/958);

(z) Letter dated 14 October 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/53/5);

(aa) Letter dated 22 October 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/53/6).

# II. Consideration of proposals

## A. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2

5. At the 18th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Kyrgyzstan, on behalf of *Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan* and *Uzbekistan*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia" (A/C.1/53/L.2). Subsequently, *Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Indonesia, Italy, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria,* the *Philippines,* the *Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey* and *Ukraine* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the conference-servicing implications of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution A).

## B. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7 and Rev.2

8. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Mali, on behalf of *Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad,* the *Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania,* the *Niger, Senegal* and *Togo*, subsequently joined by *Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, Fiji* and *Nigeria,* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them" (A/C.1/53/L.7), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 46/36 H of 6 December 1991, 47/52 G and J of 9 December 1992, 48/75 H and J of 16 December 1993, 49/75 G of 15 December 1994, 50/70 H of 12 December 1995, 51/45 L of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 C of 9 December 1997,

"*Considering* that the illicit circulation of massive quantities of small arms throughout the world impedes development and is a source of increased insecurity,

"*Considering also* that the illicit international transfer of small arms and their accumulation in many countries constitute a threat to their populations and to national and regional security and are a factor contributing to the destabilization of States,

"*Basing itself* on the statement of the Secretary-General relating to the request of Mali for United Nations assistance for the collection of small arms,

"*Gravely concerned* at the extent of the security and banditry linked to the illicit circulation of small arms in Mali and the other affected States of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion,

"*Taking note* of the first conclusions of the United Nations advisory missions sent to the affected countries of the subregion by the Secretary-General to study the best way of curbing the illicit circulation of small arms and ensuring their collection,

"*Taking note also* of the interest shown by the other States of the region in receiving a United Nations advisory mission,

"*Noting* the actions taken and those recommended at the meetings of the States of the subregion held at Banjul, Algiers, Bamako, Yamoussoukro and Niamey to establish close regional cooperation with a view to strengthening security,

"*Basing itself* on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, in particular the section entitled "Preventive diplomacy, peaceful settlement of disputes and disarmament",[3]

"1. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by Mali concerning the question of the illicit circulation of small arms and their collection in the affected States of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion;

"2. *Also welcomes* the action taken by the Secretary-General in implementation of this initiative in the context of General Assembly resolution 40/151 H of 16 December 1985;

"3. *Thanks* the Governments concerned in the subregion for the substantial support that they have given to the United Nations advisory missions, and welcomes the declared readiness of other States to receive the United Nations Advisory Mission;

"4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, in the context of the implementation of resolution 49/75 G and of the recommendations of the United Nations advisory missions, to curb the illicit circulation of small arms and to collect such arms in the affected States that so request, with the support of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and in close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity;

"5. *Notes* that, as part of its efforts to halt the flow of small arms into Mali and the Saharo-Sahelian subregion, the Government of Mali oversaw the destruction, at the "Flame of Peace" ceremony held at Timbuktu, Mali, on 27 March 1996, of thousands of small arms handed over by ex-combatants of the armed movements of northern Mali;

"6. *Encourages* the setting up in the countries of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion of national commissions against the proliferation of small arms, and invites the international community to support as far as possible the smooth functioning of the national commissions where they have been set up;

"7. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the ministerial consultation on the proposal for a moratorium on the importing, exporting and manufacture of light weapons in the region, held at Bamako on 26 March 1997, and encourages the States concerned to pursue their consultations on the matter;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to examine the issue and to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

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[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/52/1), sect. II.D.

"9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled 'Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them'."

9. At the 25th meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Mali, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7 and *Cape Verde*, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2), and orally revised it by replacing the words "general understanding" in the last preambular paragraph, with the words "common understanding".

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution B).

## C. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.9

11. At the 16th meeting, on 27 October, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of African States introduced a draft resolution entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes" (A/C.1/53/L.9). Subsequently, *Fiji* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

12. At its 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.9 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution C).

## D. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1 and 2

13. At the 18th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of *Mongolia* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status" (A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1).

14. At the 27th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of *Mongolia*, on behalf also of the *Philippines*, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2), which contained the following change: in operative paragraph 3, the phrase "*Invites* States concerned to cooperate" was changed to read "*Invites* Member States, including the five nuclear-weapon States, to cooperate".

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2, without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution D).

## E. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13 and Rev.1

16. At the 17th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of Japan, on behalf of *Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso*, the *Central African Republic, Croatia, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Nepal*, the *Netherlands, New Zealand*, the *Niger, Nigeria, Peru*, the *Philippines, Poland, Portugal*, the *Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and *Uruguay*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Small arms" (A/C.1/53/L.13). Subsequently, *Malta* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

17. At the 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the representative of *Japan*, on behalf of the sponsors and *Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Greece, Guinea, Luxembourg, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea*, the *Republic of Moldova* and *Turkey*,

subsequently joined by *Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Thailand* and *Togo*, introduced a revised draft resolution, which contained the following changes:

(a) In operative paragraph 3 (a), after the words "To seek the views of" the word "all" was added;

(b) In operative paragraph 3 (b):

(i) The words "the report of the Secretary-General" were replaced by the words "his report";

(ii) The words "a report of the group" were replaced by the words "his report prepared with the assistance of the Group";

(iii) The words " submitted to the Secretary-General" were replaced with the words "submitted to the General Assembly";

(c) In operative paragraph 5:

(i) After the words "financial resources" the words "and with any other assistance provided by Member States in a position to do so," were inserted;

(ii) At the end of the paragraph, the words "and of establishing, within the United Nations system, a single database of such authorized manufacturers and dealers" were deleted.

18. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Committee voted on revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) The fourth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 to none, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

Azerbaijan, France, Georgia, India, Israel, Monaco, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

(b) Revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 136 to none, with 3 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution E). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

Bahrain, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia.

## F. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16 and Rev.2

19. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of *India*, subsequently joined by *Fiji*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Reducing nuclear danger" (A/C.1/53/L.16), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Bearing in mind* that the use of nuclear weapons poses the most serious threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

"*Reaffirming* that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would constitute a violation of the United Nations Charter,

"*Convinced* that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

"*Considering* that until nuclear weapons cease to exist, it is imperative on the part of the nuclear-weapon States to adopt measures that assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

"*Considering also* that the hair-trigger alert of nuclear weapons carries unacceptable risks of unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons which will have catastrophic consequences for all mankind,

"*Conscious* that limited steps relating to detargeting have been taken by the nuclear-weapon States to address this concern and that further steps are necessary to contribute to the improvement in the international climate for negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons,

"*Mindful* that reduction of tensions brought about by a change in nuclear doctrines would positively impact on international peace and security and improve the conditions for the further reduction and the elimination of nuclear weapons,

"*Reiterating* the highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly and by the international community,

"*Recalling* that the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons that 'there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control',

"1. *Calls for* a review of nuclear doctrines and in this context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons;

"2. *Requests* Member States to provide the Secretary-General information on the measures undertaken towards implementation of this resolution or efforts undertaken by them to promote the objectives envisaged in this resolution;

"3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the developments relating to the implementation of this resolution to the fifty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

"4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly the item entitled 'Reducing nuclear danger'."

20. At the 30th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of *India*, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2).

21. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2 as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by a recorded vote of 67 to none, with 53 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen.

(b) Revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 68 to 44, with 12 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution F). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against:*

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining:*

Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, San Marino, Ukraine.

## G. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 and amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in documents A/C.1/53/L.52, L.55 to 58, L.61 and L.62

22. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of *Australia, Canada* and *New Zealand*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear testing" (A/C.1/53/L.22). Subsequently, the *Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia,* the *Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Fiji, Hungary, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Mongolia,*

*Norway, Portugal,* the *Republic of Korea, Solomon Islands* and *Uruguay* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

23. On 2 November, the Committee had before it amendments (A/C.1/53/L.52) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, submitted by *Sri Lanka*, by which:

(a) The fifth preambular paragraph would be replaced by the following:

"*Recalling* all previous United Nations resolutions on nuclear testing";

(b) Operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by the following:

"*Expresses concern over and deplores* all nuclear tests for whatever purpose, and urges cessation of all such tests in the future".

24. At the 29th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of *India* introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.55) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, by which the first preambular paragraph would be modified to read:

"Reaffirming that the cessation of all nuclear testing will contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects, to the process of nuclear disarmament leading to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time and therefore to the further enhancement of international peace and security".

25. At the same meeting, the representative of *Pakistan* introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.56) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, by which:

(a) After existing operative paragraph 1, a new operative paragraph would be added reading:

"*Expresses grave concern at and strongly deplores* all nuclear testing and experiments for the qualitative development of nuclear weapons, which are contrary to the spirit and objectives of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty";

(b) After existing operative paragraph 2, a new operative paragraph would be added reading:

"*Calls* for the immediate withdrawal of all unilateral, coercive or discriminatory measures".

26. Also at the same meeting, the representative of *India* introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.57) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 by which the second preambular paragraph would be modified to read:

"*Also reaffirming* its commitment to the crucial importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to international efforts to halt proliferation of nuclear weapons through nuclear testing".

27. At the same meeting, the representative of *India* introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.58) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, by which the words "reiterates the need for such legal commitments to be expressed in legal form by signing and ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty", in operative paragraph 2, would be replaced by the words "calls upon all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty so as to facilitate its entry into force by September 1999".

28. Also at the same meeting, the representative of *Pakistan*, on behalf also of *India*, introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.61) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, by which:

(a) Operative paragraph 2 would be replaced by the following:

"2. *Welcomes* the moratoriums on further testing declared by certain States and their statements in the General Assembly relating to the CTBT";

(b) After operative paragraph 2, a new paragraph would be added reading:

"3. *Calls on* all States that have not done so, especially those listed in Annex 2 of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty, to become parties to the Treaty so as to facilitate its entry into force".

29. At the same meeting, the representative of *Zimbabwe*, on behalf also of *Nigeria* and *Zambia*, introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.62) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22, by which a new paragraph would be added after operative paragraph 3 to read:

"4. *Urges* the five nuclear-weapon States to fulfil their commitments relating to nuclear disarmament under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to intensify their efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate objective of eliminating those weapons in accordance with that article".

30. At its 29th meeting, on 12 November, the Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 as follows:

(a) The motion proposed by the representative of Hungary, to take no action on the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.52 was adopted by a recorded vote of 63 to 60 with 13 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

*Against:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Israel, Panama, Paraguay, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

(b) The representative of Portugal proposed that no action be taken on the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.55. The

representative of India subsequently withdrew the amendments contained in documents A/C.1/53/L.55 and A/C.1/53/L.57;

(c) The motion proposed by the representative of New Zealand to take no action on the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.56, was adopted by a recorded vote of 62 to 51, with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

*Against:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Chad, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Mozambique, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

(d) The motion proposed by the representative of Lithuania to take no action on the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.58 was adopted by a recorded vote of 60 to 49, with 21 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

*Against:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Chad, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab

Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

(e) The representative of Pakistan, on behalf also of India, withdrew the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.61;

(f) The motion proposed by the representative of Portugal to take no action on the amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.62 was approved by a recorded vote of 59 to 57, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

*Against:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Haiti, Israel, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

(g) Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 was adopted by a recorded vote of 98 to 6, with 31 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution G). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States

of), Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela.

*Against:*

Benin, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Israel, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam.

## H. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.23 and Rev.1

31. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Belarus introduced a draft resolution entitled "Regional disarmament" (A/C.1/53/L.23). Subsequently, the *Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia*, the *Congo, Fiji, Malawi,* and *Mali*[4] joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

32. On 2 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.23/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.23, which contained the following changes:

(a) The words "in accordance with established principles" were added at the end of the second preambular paragraph;

(b) In the third preambular paragraph, after the words "principles of", the words "democracy, civilian control over the military"were deleted.

33. At its 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.23/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 57 to 41, with 39 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution H). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, China, Costa Rica, Côtc d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

[4] The delegation of Mali subsequently withdrew its sponsorship.

*Against:*

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining:*

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Togo, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## I. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 and Rev.1 and amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.51

34. At the 19th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of *Canada* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" (A/C.1/53/L.24), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* resolution 48/75 L of 16 December 1993,

"*Convinced* that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would be a significant contribution to nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects,

"*Noting* the report of the Conference on Disarmament in which, *inter alia*, the Conference records that in proceeding to take a decision on this matter, that decision is without prejudice to any further decision on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 and that intensive consultations will be pursued to seek the views of the members of the Conference on Disarmament on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, taking into consideration all proposals and views in that respect,

"1. *Welcomes* the decision by the Conference on Disarmament to establish, under item 1 of its agenda 'Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament', an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

"2. *Notes with satisfaction* that this ad hoc committee has already engaged in the first step in the substantive negotiations;

"3. *Encourages* the Conference on Disarmament to re-establish its ad hoc committee at the beginning of the 1999 session."

35. At the same meeting, the representative of *Pakistan* introduced amendments (A/C.1/53/L.51) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 by which:

(a) The following paragraph would be inserted as a new first preambular paragraph:

"*Recalling* paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-I) which called for the cessation in the production of fissile material for weapons purposes as part of a comprehensive phased programme leading to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons";

(b) After the existing second preambular paragraph, the following preambular paragraphs would be inserted:

"*Noting* the continuing differences among Member States regarding the scope and objectives of the Treaty,

"*Convinced* that any treaty on fissile material must constitute a disarmament measure and not only a non-proliferation measure";

(c) At the end of operative paragraph 3, the words "to negotiate a fissile materials treaty which must form an integral step of a process of nuclear disarmament leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a time-bound framework" would be added.

36. On 2 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsor of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24, entitled "The Conference on Disarmament decision to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled 'Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament' an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices". Subsequently, *Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia,* the *Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lithuania,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal,* the *Republic of Korea, Romania,* the *Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,* Turkey, the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* and the *United States of America* joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

37. At the 31st meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Pakistan withdrew the amendments contained in document A/C.1/53/L.51.

38. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution I).

## J. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.26

39. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Member States that are members Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries, introduced draft resolution entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" (A/C.1/53/L.26). Subsequently, *Fiji* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

40. At its 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.26 by a recorded vote of 138 to none, with 4 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution J). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

France, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

## K. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.27

41. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of *South Africa*, on behalf of the Member States that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" (A/C.1/53/L.27). Subsequently, *Fiji* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

42. At its 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.27 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution K).[5]

## L. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.28

43. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of *South Africa*, on behalf of the Member States that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries introduced a draft resolution entitled "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol" (A/C.1/53/L.28). Subsequently, *Fiji* and *Monaco* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

[5] The delegation of the United States of America stated that it did not participate in the vote.

44. At the 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the sponsors orally revised the fifth preambular paragraph by deleting the word "recent", before the word "initiatives".

45. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.28, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 136 to none, with 3 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution L). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

Israel, Republic of Korea, United States of America.

## M. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1

46. At the 20th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Germany, on behalf of *Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada,* the *Central African Republic, Chile,* the *Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus,* the *Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua,* the *Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal,* the *Republic of Korea,* the *Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey,* the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* the *United States of America* and *Uruguay,* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1).

47. At its 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution M).

## N. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33

48. At the 19th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Canada, on behalf of *Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria,* the *Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde,* the *Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia,* the *Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia,* the *Czech Republic,* the *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti,* the *Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France,* the *Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua,* the *Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru,* the *Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar,* the *Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uganda,* the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Yemen, Zambia* and *Zimbabwe,* introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.33) entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction". Subsequently, *Greece, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago* and *Tunisia* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

49. At the 23rd meeting, on 4 November, the Secretary of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.1/53/L.60).

50. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33 by a recorded vote of 124 to none, with 19 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution N). The voting was as follows:[6]

*In favour:*

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab

[6] The delegation of Kuwait subsequently indicated that it had not intended to participate in the vote.

Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

None.

*Abstaining:*

Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Myanmar, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, United States of America, Viet Nam.

## O. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.34

51. At the 18th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of *Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Mali, Nepal,* the *Niger, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka,* the *Sudan, Tunisia* and *Turkey*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Regional disarmament" (A/C.1/53/L.34). Subsequently, *Ecuador* and *Fiji* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

52. At its 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.34 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution O).

## P. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.35

53. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of *Bangladesh,* the *Czech Republic, Italy, Mexico, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Spain* and *the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" (A/C.1/53/L.35). Subsequently, *Ecuador, Fiji, Germany, Portugal* and the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

54. At its 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.35 by a recorded vote of 129 to 2, with 1 abstention (see para. 89, draft resolution P). The voting was as follows:[7]

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea,

[7] The delegation of Angola subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour and the delegation of the Marshall Islands that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour.

Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

Bhutan, India.

*Abstaining*:

Cuba.

## Q. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37

55. At the 17th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of *Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde,* the *Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand,* the *United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela* and *Zimbabwe*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas" (A/C.1/53/L.37). Subsequently, the *Congo,* the *Democratic Republic of the Congo,* the *Dominican Republic, Guyana,* the *Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, Singapore* and *Togo* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

56. At its 23rd meeting, on 4 November, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37 as follows:

(a) The last three words of operative paragraph 3, "and South Asia", were adopted by a recorded vote of 118 to 2, with 21 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[8]

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former

[8] The delegation of Hungary subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain in the vote on the last three words of operative paragraph 3.

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Bhutan, India.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, Bangladesh, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, France, Israel, Latvia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam.

(b) Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by a recorded vote of 125 to 1, with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[9]

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

India.

*Abstaining*:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cuba, Estonia, France, Iceland, Israel, Latvia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

(c) Draft resolution A/C.1/53/37, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 129 to 4, with 14 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution Q). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia,

[9] The delegation of Hungary subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain in the vote on operative paragraph 3 as a whole.

Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

France, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Bhutan, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, India, Israel, Latvia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation.

## R. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38 and Rev.1

57. At the 16th meeting, on 27 October, the representative of *Poland*, also on behalf of *Canada*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction" (A/C.1/53/L.38).

58. On 27 October, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.38/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38, which contained the following changes:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, before the words "the provisions of the Convention", the word "all" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 7, the words "for the conclusion" were replaced by the words "towards prompt conclusion" and the words "in accordance with the Convention" were added at the end of the paragraph.

59. At the 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the sponsors orally revised operative paragraph 7 of the revised draft resolution by inserting the words "the provisions of" before the words "the Convention".

60. At its 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution R).

## S. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39 and Rev.1

61. At the 20th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of *Egypt, Jordan, Myanmar,* the *Niger, Nigeria,* the *Sudan* and *Swaziland*, introduced a draft

resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (A/C.1/53/L.39). Subsequently, *Fiji* and *Saudi Arabia* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

62. On 5 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.39/Rev.1), which contained the following changes:

(a) At the end of operative paragraph 3 (a), the words "to include military holdings and procurement through national production" were deleted;

(b) At the end of operative paragraph 3 (b), the words "as well as to high technology with military applications" were deleted.

63. At its 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) The eighth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

India, Israel.

*Abstaining*:

Cuba, Pakistan.

(b) Operative paragraph 3 (b) was adopted by a recorded vote of 80 to 46, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Uzbekistan.

(c) Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 82 to 44, with 17 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution S). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Uzbekistan.

## T. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1

64. At the 20th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of South Africa, on behalf of *Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand,* the *Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru,* the *Philippines, Portugal,* the *Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo,* the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* the *United States of America* and *Uruguay*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Illicit traffic in small arms" (A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1). Subsequently, *Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil,* the *Congo, Guinea, Italy, Liechtenstein, Mali* and *Malta* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

65. At its 22nd meeting, on 3 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution T).

## U. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42 and Rev.1 and amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42 contained in document A/C.1/53/L.54

66. At the 18th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of *Japan* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons" (A/C.1/53/L.42). Subsequently, *Austria, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand,* the *Niger, Norway* and *Romania* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 49/75 H of 15 December 1994, 50/70 C of 12 December 1995, 51/45 G of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 K of 9 December 1997,

"*Bearing in mind* Security Council resolution 1172 (1998) of 6 June 1998,

"*Looking forward* to the early entry into force of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II), and welcoming the joint statement on parameters for the future reduction of nuclear forces issued by President Clinton of the United States of America and President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation,

"*Welcoming* efforts of other nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals, most recently by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

"*Welcoming also* the accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by Brazil,

"*Reaffirming* the conviction that further advancement in nuclear disarmament will contribute to consolidating the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation ensuring international peace and security,

"*Welcoming further* the decision of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva to establish an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator in 1995 and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

"1. *Reaffirms* the importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and calls upon States not parties to the Treaty to accede to it without delay and without conditions;

"2. *Reaffirms also* the importance for all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to fulfil their obligations under the Treaty;

"3. *Calls* for the determined pursuit by the nuclear-weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons, and by all States of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;

"4. *Recognizes* that, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons, it is important and necessary to pursue such actions as reflected below:

"(a) The early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty by all States with a view to its early entry into force, and cessation of nuclear tests pending its entry into force;

"(b) The early conclusion of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator and the mandate contained therein;

"(c) The commencement of multilateral discussions on possible steps that should follow a convention banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

"(d) The early entry into force of START II and the early commencement and conclusion of negotiations for START III by the Russian Federation and the United States of America;

"(e) Further efforts by the five nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals unilaterally, and the commencement, at an appropriate stage, of their negotiations for the reduction of nuclear weapons;

"5. *Invites* the nuclear-weapon States to keep the Members of the United Nations duly informed of the progress or efforts made for nuclear disarmament;

"6. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts in the dismantlement of nuclear weapons, and notes the importance of the safe and effective management of the resultant fissile materials;

"7. *Calls upon* all States to redouble their efforts to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, *inter alia*, nuclear weapons, confirming and strengthening, if necessary, their policies not to export equipment, materials or technology that could contribute to those weapons;

"8. *Also calls upon* all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to make their best efforts for the success of the next Review Conference, which will be held in the year 2000;

"9. *Encourages* continued serious discussions on nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament in appropriate forums."

67. On 2 November, the Committee had before it amendments (A/C.1/53/L.54) to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42, submitted by *Pakistan*, by which:

(a) The second preambular paragraph would be deleted;

(b) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "*Looking forward*" would be replaced by the word "*Urging*";

(c) A new preambular paragraph would be inserted after the sixth preambular paragraph, reading:

"*Considering* that the application of arbitrary, coercive and discriminatory measures by some States to promote these objectives is inconsistent with international law and, therefore, unacceptable";

(d) The words "which must constitute an integral step in a process of nuclear disarmament leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a specific period of time" would be added at the end of the seventh preambular paragraph;

(e) Two new preambular paragraphs would be inserted after the seventh preambular paragraph, reading:

"*Noting* the Conference on Disarmament's decision to pursue intensive consultations on appropriate methods and approaches to deal with the agenda item 'Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament',

"*Concerned* at statements by some nuclear-weapon States that they will continue to retain nuclear weapons indefinitely";

(f) Operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by:

"1. *Reiterates* its call upon the nuclear-weapon States to undertake a step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat and a phased programme of progressive and balanced deep reductions of nuclear weapons, and to carry out effective nuclear disarmament measures with a view to the total elimination of those weapons within a time-bound framework";

(g) The words "to ensure the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified period of time" would be added at the end of operative paragraph 2;

(h) Operative paragraph 4 (c) would be replaced by:

"(c) The early commencement of multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament in the Conference on Disarmament";

(i) Operative paragraph 4 (b) would be moved and renumbered 4 (e).

68. At the 30th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of *Japan*, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42 and *Australia, Finland, Portugal* and *Spain* introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1).

69. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan withdrew the amendments contained in document A/C.1/53/L.54.

70. Also at the same meeting, the Committee voted on revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) The second preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 125 to 1, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Zambia.

*Against*:

India.

*Abstaining*:

Bhutan, Israel, Nigeria, Pakistan.

(b) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 136 to 3, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[10]

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania,

[10] The delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

India, Israel, Pakistan.

*Abstaining*:

Bhutan, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syrian Arab Republic.

(c) Revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 11 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution U). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

None.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, Bhutan, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Myanmar, Pakistan.

## V. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43

71. At the 19th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of *Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus,* the *Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Nepal,* the *Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua,* the *Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru,* the

*Philippines, Poland, Portugal,* the *Republic of Moldova, Romania,* the *Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine,* the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,* the *United States of America, Uruguay* and *Venezuela,* introduced a draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (A/C.1/53/L.43). Subsequently, *Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina,* the *Dominican Republic, Guyana,* the *Marshall Islands, Paraguay,* the *Republic of Korea, South Africa* and *Thailand* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

72. At its 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43 as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 4 (b) was adopted by a recorded vote of 100 to none, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[11]

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

*Against*:

None.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia.

(b) Operative paragraph 6 was adopted by a recorded vote of 102 to none, with 12 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[12]

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic,

[11] The delegation of Egypt subsequently indicated that it had not intended to abstain; the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic indicated that, had it been present, it would have abstained; and the delegations of Bolivia, El Salvador, Ghana, Jamaica, the Philippines and the Republic of Moldova indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour.

[12] The delegations of Bolivia, El Salvador, Ghana, Jamaica and the Philippines subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour, and the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic indicated that, had it been present, it would have abstained.

Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

*Against*:

None.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Yemen.

(c) Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 112 to none, with 12 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows:[13]

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

*Against*:

None.

[13] The delegations of Bolivia, El Salvador, Ghana, Jamaica and the Philippines subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour, and the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen.

## W. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45

73. At the 18th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of *Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia,* the *Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya,* the *Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia,* the *Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru,* the *Philippines, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka,* the *Sudan, Suriname, Thailand,* the *United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam* and *Zimbabwe*, subsequently joined by the *Congo*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" (A/C.1/53/L.45).

74. At its 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45 as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 133 to 5, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[14]

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Bulgaria, France, Monaco, Russian Federation, United States of America.

[14] The delegation of Kuwait subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour.

*Abstaining*:

Czech Republic, Israel, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(b) Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 100 to 25, with 23 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution W). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

## X. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47

75. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Myanmar, on behalf of *Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia,* the *Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya,* the *Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho,* the *Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama,* the *Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka,* the *Sudan, Thailand,* the *United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia* and *Zimbabwe*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament" (A/C.1/53/L.47). Subsequently, *Angola, Bhutan, Burundi,* the *Congo, Guinea, Malawi* and *Papua New Guinea* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

76. At its 23rd meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.47 by a recorded vote of 87 to 40, with 15 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution X). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Angola, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, Cyprus, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malta, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, South Africa, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

## Y. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48 and Rev.1

77. At the 16th meeting, on 27 October, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of *Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ireland, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Samoa, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay* and *Venezuela*, subsequently joined by the *Congo, Fiji, Panama* and *Zambia*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda" (A/C.1/53/L.48).

78. At the 30th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48 with the exception of *Slovenia*, which withdrew as a sponsor, but joined by *Kenya*, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1), which contained the following changes:

(a) In the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "in perpetuity" were added after the words "can be retained";

(b) In the fourteenth preambular paragraph, the word "total" was added before the word "elimination" and the words "for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" were added at the end of the paragraph;

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the words "including the exploration by them of an undertaking not to be the first to use nuclear weapons" were replaced by the words

"including measures to enhance strategic stability and accordingly to review strategic doctrines";

(d) In operative paragraph 12, the words "urges all States" were replaced by the words "urges States".

79. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 8 was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to 3, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[15]

*In favour*:

Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

India, Israel, Pakistan.

*Abstaining*:

Bhutan, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Slovenia.

(b) Operative paragraph 17 was adopted by a recorded vote of 130 to 1, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy,

[15] The delegations of France, the Russian Federation and the United States of America indicated that they would not participate in the separate votes on specific paragraphs.

Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining*:

Cuba, India, Israel, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Slovenia.

(c) Revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 97 to 19, with 32 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution Y). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

*Against*:

Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, India, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Monaco, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

*Abstaining*:

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bhutan, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine.

## Z. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49 and Rev.1

80. At the 19th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of *Belarus, Kazakhstan,* the *Russian Federation, Ukraine* and the *United States of America*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament" (A/C.1/53/L.49). Subsequently, *Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,* the *Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg,* the *Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland,* the *Republic of Korea,* the *Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain* and *Turkey* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

81. At the 28th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49 and *Georgia* and *Slovakia*, subsequently joined by the *Netherlands* and *Portugal*, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1), which contained the following changes:

(a) In operative paragraph 8, the words "and to examine bilaterally" were replaced by the words "and takes note of the initiative to examine bilaterally";

(b) In operative paragraph 11, the words "efforts to reduce their nuclear weapons" were replaced by the words "efforts aimed at reducing and eliminating their nuclear weapons on the basis of existing agreements".

82. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 136 to none, with 8 abstentions (see para. 89, draft resolution Z). The voting was as follows:

*In favour*:

Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against*:

None.

*Abstaining*:

Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania.

## AA. Draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50 and Rev.1

83. At the 21st meeting, on 2 November, the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the States members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, subsequently joined by *Fiji*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" (A/C.1/53/L.50).

84. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/53/L.50/Rev.1), which contained the following changes:

(a) The first preambular paragraph, which read:

"*Welcoming* the adoption by the General Assembly, by consensus, of its resolution 52/38 F of 9 December 1997 on the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament",

was deleted;

(b) In the new first (former second) preambular paragraph, the words "and 52/38 F of 9 December 1997" were added at the end of the paragraph;

(c) In the third (former fourth) preambular paragraph, the words "the first special session devoted to disarmament, and the objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control" were replaced by the words "adopted by consensus at the first special session devoted to disarmament, which included the Declaration, Programme of Action and Machinery for disarmament";

(d) A new fourth preambular paragraph was added, reading:

"*Bearing in mind also* the objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control";

(e) The twelfth preambular paragraph, which read:

"*Reaffirming* the need to continue to press for further steps leading to the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament with the participation of all Member States of the United Nations as well as the need for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament to, *inter alia*, review and assess the implementation of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament",

was deleted.

85. At its 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.50/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 89, draft resolution AA).

## BB. Notification of nuclear tests

86. No proposal was submitted under sub-item (a).

## CC. Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof: report of the Secretary-General

87. No proposal was submitted under sub-item (b).

## DD. Contributions towards banning anti-personnel landmines

88. No proposal was submitted under sub-item (k).

# III. Recommendations of the First Committee

89. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

### General and complete disarmament

### A

### Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 52/38 of 9 December 1997,

*Further recalling* paragraphs 60, 61, 62 and 64 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[16] the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons[17] and paragraphs 5 and 6 of the decision entitled "Principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament" in the Final Document of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[18] concerning the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones,

*Convinced* that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones can contribute to the achievement of general and complete disarmament,

*Emphasizing* the importance of internationally recognized agreements on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in various regions of the world and on the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime,

*Considering* that the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia,[19] on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States within the region and taking into account the special characteristics of the region, can enhance the security of the States involved and strengthen global and regional security and peace,

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[16] Resolution S-10/2.

[17] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[18] *1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, Part I*, NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part I), annex, decision 2.

[19] Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

*Recalling* the Almaty Declaration of the heads of State of the Central Asian States of 28 February 1997[20] on the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia, and the statement issued at Tashkent on 15 September 1997 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia,[21]

*Welcoming* the Communiqué of the Consultative Meeting of Experts of the Central Asian Countries, the Nuclear-Weapon States and the United Nations held at Bishkek on 9 and 10 July 1998,[22] with a view to elaborating acceptable ways and means for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia,

*Reaffirming* the generally recognized role of the United Nations in the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones,

1. *Calls upon* all States to support the initiative aimed at the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

2. *Commends* the first concrete steps taken by the States of the region in preparing the legal groundwork for their initiative;

3. *Encourages* the five Central Asian States to continue their dialogue with the five nuclear-weapon States on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to provide assistance to the Central Asian States in the preparation of the form and elements of an agreement on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

5. *Decides* to consider the question of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia at its fifty-fourth session under the agenda item entitled "General and complete disarmament".

## B

### Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 46/36 H of 6 December 1991, 47/52 G and J of 9 December 1992, 48/75 H and J of 16 December 1993, 49/75 G of 15 December 1994, 50/70 H of 12 December 1995, 51/45 L of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 C of 9 December 1997,

*Considering* that the illicit circulation of massive quantities of small arms throughout the world impedes development and is a source of increased insecurity,

*Considering also* that the illicit international transfer of small arms and their accumulation in many countries constitute a threat to their populations and to national and regional security and are a factor contributing to the destabilization of States,

*Basing itself* on the statement of the Secretary-General relating to the request of Mali for United Nations assistance for the collection of small arms,

[20] A/52/112, annex.

[21] A/52/390, annex.

[22] A/53/183, annex.

*Gravely concerned* at the extent of the insecurity and banditry linked to the illicit circulation of small arms in Mali and the other affected States of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion,

*Taking note* of the first conclusions of the United Nations advisory missions sent to the affected countries of the subregion by the Secretary-General to study the best way of curbing the illicit circulation of small arms and ensuring their collection,

*Taking note also* of the interest shown by the other States of the region in receiving a United Nations advisory mission,

*Noting* the actions taken and those recommended at the meetings of the States of the subregion held at Banjul, Algiers, Bamako, Yamoussoukro and Niamey to establish close regional cooperation with a view to strengthening security,

*Bearing in mind* the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[23]

*Welcoming* the initiative taken by the Economic Community of West African States concerning the declaration of a moratorium on the importing, exporting and manufacture of light weapons in West Africa,

*Welcoming* the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixty-eighth ordinary session, held at Ouagadougou from 4 to 7 June 1998, concerning the proliferation of small arms and light weapons,[24]

*Taking note with interest* of the work of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms, in particular the recommendations contained in paragraphs 79 (a) and (g) of its report,[25]

*Emphasizing* the need to advance efforts towards wider cooperation and better coordination in the struggle against the accumulation, proliferation and widespread use of small arms through the common understanding of the meeting on small arms, held at Oslo on 13 and 14 July 1998, and the Brussels Call for Action adopted by the International Conference on Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development, held at Brussels on 12 and 13 October 1998,

1. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by Mali concerning the question of the illicit circulation of small arms and their collection in the affected States of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion;

2. *Welcomes* the declaration on the moratorium on the importing, exporting and manufacture of light weapons adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States at Abuja on 30 October 1998, and urges the international community to give its support to the implementation of the moratorium;

3. *Also welcomes* the action taken by the Secretary-General in implementation of this initiative in the context of General Assembly resolution 40/151 H of 16 December 1985;

4. *Thanks* the Governments concerned in the subregion for the substantial support that they have given to the United Nations advisory missions, and welcomes the declared readiness of other States to receive the United Nations Advisory Mission;

[23] A/52/871–S/1998/318.

[24] See A/53/179, annex I.

[25] A/52/298, annex.

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, in the context of the implementation of resolution 49/75 G and of the recommendations of the United Nations advisory missions, to curb the illicit circulation of small arms and to collect such arms in the affected States that so request, with the support of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and in close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity;

6. *Notes* that, as part of its efforts to halt the flow of small arms into Mali and the Saharo-Sahelian subregion, the Government of Mali oversaw the destruction, at the "Flame of Peace" ceremony held at Timbuktu, Mali, on 27 March 1996, of thousands of small arms handed over by ex-combatants of the armed movements of northern Mali;

7. *Encourages* the setting up in the countries of the Saharo-Sahelian subregion of national commissions against the proliferation of small arms, and invites the international community to support as far as possible the smooth functioning of the national commissions where they have been set up;

8. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the ministerial consultation on the proposal for a moratorium on the importing, exporting and manufacture of light weapons in the region, held at Bamako on 26 March 1997, and encourages the States concerned to pursue their consultations on the matter;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to examine the issue and to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them".

## C

### Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* resolutions CM/Res.1153(XLVIII) of 1988[26] and CM/Res.1225(L) of 1989,[27] adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa,

*Welcoming* resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/530 establishing a Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste, adopted on 21 September 1990 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-fourth regular session,[28]

*Welcoming also* resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/6, adopted on 23 September 1994 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-eighth regular session,[29] inviting the Board of Governors and the Director General of the Agency to commence preparations for a convention on the safety of radioactive waste management, and noting the progress that has been made in that regard,

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[26] See A/43/398, annex I.

[27] See A/44/603, annex I.

[28] See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Thirty-fourth Regular Session*, 17–21 September 1990 (GC(XXXIV)/RESOLUTIONS (1990)).

[29] Ibid., *Thirty-eighth Regular Session*, 19–23 September 1994 (GC(XXXVIII)/RES/DEC (1994)).

*Taking note* of the commitment by the participants at the Summit on Nuclear Safety and Security, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 April 1996, to ban the dumping at sea of radioactive wastes,[30]

*Considering* its resolution 2602 C (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it requested the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,[31] *inter alia*, to consider effective methods of control against the use of radiological methods of warfare,

*Recalling* resolution CM/Res.1356 (LIV) of 1991, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity,[32] on the Bamako Convention on the Ban on the Import of Hazardous Wastes into Africa and on the Control of Their Transboundary Movements within Africa,

*Aware* of the potential hazards underlying any use of radioactive wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and its implications for regional and international security, in particular for the security of developing countries,

*Recalling* all its resolutions on the matter since its forty-third session in 1988, including its resolution 51/45 J of 10 December 1996,

*Desirous* of promoting the implementation of paragraph 76 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[33] the first special session devoted to disarmament,

1. *Takes note* of the part of the report of the Conference on Disarmament relating to a future convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons;[34]

2. *Expresses grave concern* regarding any use of nuclear wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and have grave implications for the national security of all States;

3. *Calls upon* all States to take appropriate measures with a view to preventing any dumping of nuclear or radioactive wastes that would infringe upon the sovereignty of States;

4. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to take into account, in the negotiations for a convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons, radioactive wastes as part of the scope of such a convention;

5. *Also requests* the Conference on Disarmament to intensify efforts towards an early conclusion of such a convention and to include in its report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session the progress recorded in the negotiations on this subject;

6. *Takes note* of resolution CM/Res.1356 (LIV) of 1991, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, on the Bamako Convention on the Ban on the Import of Hazardous Wastes into Africa and on the Control of Their Transboundary Movements within Africa;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the effective implementation of the International Atomic Energy Agency Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of

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[30] A/51/131, annex I, para. 20.

[31] The Conference of the Committee on Disarmament became the Committee on Disarmament as from the tenth special session of the General Assembly. The Committee on Disarmament was redesignated the Conference on Disarmament as from 7 February 1984.

[32] See A/46/390, annex I.

[33] Resolution S-10/2.

[34] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27), chap. III.E.

Radioactive Waste will enhance the protection of all States from the dumping of radioactive wastes on their territories;

8. *Welcomes* the adoption at Vienna on 5 September 1997 of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, as recommended by the participants in the Summit on Nuclear Safety and Security, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 April 1996, and the signing of the Joint Convention by a number of States beginning on 29 September 1997, and appeals to all States to sign and subsequently ratify, accept or approve the Convention, so that it may enter into force as soon as possible;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes".

## D

### Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling also* the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,[35]

*Welcoming* the decision of Mongolia to declare its territory a nuclear-weapon-free zone,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the separate statements made by the nuclear-weapon States in connection with Mongolia's declaration of its territory a nuclear-weapon-free zone,

*Bearing in mind* the Final Document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Durban, South Africa, from 29 August to 3 September 1998,[36] in which the Conference welcomed and supported Mongolia's policy to institutionalize its single State nuclear-weapon-free status,

*Proceeding* from the fact that nuclear-weapon-free status is one of the means of ensuring the national security of States,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 49/31 of 9 December 1994 on the protection and security of small States,

*Welcoming* Mongolia's active and positive role in developing peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations with the States of the region and other States,

*Convinced* that the internationally recognized status of Mongolia will contribute to enhancing stability and confidence-building in the region as well as promote Mongolia's security by strengthening its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, the inviolability of its borders and the preservation of its ecological balance,

1. *Welcomes* the declaration by Mongolia of its nuclear-weapon-free status;

2. *Endorses and supports* Mongolia's good-neighbourly and balanced relationship with its neighbours as an important element of strengthening regional peace, security and stability;

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[35] Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

[36] A/53/667–S/1998/1071, annex I.

3. *Invites* Member States, including the five nuclear-weapon States, to cooperate with Mongolia in taking the necessary measures to consolidate and strengthen Mongolia's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, the inviolability of its borders, its economic security, its ecological balance and its nuclear-weapon-free status, as well as its independent foreign policy;

4. *Appeals* to the member States of the Asia and Pacific region to support Mongolia's efforts to join the relevant regional security and economic arrangements;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and relevant United Nations bodies to provide the necessary assistance to Mongolia, within existing resources, to take the necessary measures mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution at its fifty-fifth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session an item entitled "Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status".

## E

### Small arms

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 52/38 J of 9 December 1997,

*Convinced* of the need for a comprehensive approach to promote, at the global and regional levels, the control and reduction of small arms and light weapons in a balanced and non-discriminatory manner as a contribution to international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* the inherent right to individual or collective self-defence recognized in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, which implies that States also have the right to acquire arms with which to defend themselves,

*Reaffirming also* the right of self-determination of all peoples, in particular peoples under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, and the importance of the effective realization of this right, as enunciated, *inter alia*, in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[37]

*Reaffirming further* the urgent need for practical disarmament in the context of the conflicts the United Nations is actually dealing with and of the weapons that are actually killing people in the hundreds of thousands,

*Reiterating* its call on Member States to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on small arms, which was prepared with the assistance of the Panel of Experts on Small Arms,[38] to the extent possible and where necessary in cooperation with appropriate international and regional organizations and/or through international and regional cooperation among police, intelligence, customs and border control services,

*Reiterating also* its request to the Secretary-General to implement the relevant recommendations as soon as possible within available financial resources and in cooperation with appropriate international and regional organizations where necessary, as well as its

[37] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[38] A/52/298, annex.

encouragement to Member States and the Secretary-General to carry out recommendations for post-conflict situations, including demobilization of former combatants and disposal and destruction of weapons,

*Noting* that the Secretary-General is, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts nominated by him on the basis of equitable geographical representation, preparing, for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, a report on (a) the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on small arms[38] endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 52/38 J and (b) further actions recommended to be taken,

*Noting also* that the group of technical experts appointed by the Secretary-General to study the problems of ammunition and explosives in all their aspects has held its first meeting,

*Noting further* the replies to date to the Secretary-General's request to Member States for their views on his report on small arms and on the steps that they have taken to implement its recommendations, in particular, on the recommendations concerning the convening of an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects,

*Taking note with interest* of the work in progress for the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime, including a protocol to combat illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, in the framework of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and of other related efforts by the Commission and the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Secretariat,

*Underlining* the importance of increasing coordination regarding the issue of small arms and light weapons, including illicit manufacturing and trafficking therein, both among the relevant bodies of the United Nations and within the United Nations Secretariat, and welcoming in this context the decision of the Secretary-General to establish the mechanism for Coordinating Action on Small Arms,

1. *Decides* to convene an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects not later than 2001;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing his recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, with a view to arriving at a decision by the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the objective, scope, agenda, dates, venue and preparatory committee of an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing a report in accordance with paragraph 2 of the present resolution:

(a) To seek the views of all Member States on the objective, scope, agenda, dates and venue of and preparatory work for an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects and to take into account these views as well as the views already expressed by them in their replies to the Secretary-General's request for their views in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 J;

(b) To take into account his report on small arms,[38] as well as relevant recommendations to be made in his report prepared with the assistance of the Group of Governmental Experts on Small Arms, which will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 J;

4. *Welcomes* the offer by the Government of Switzerland to host in Geneva, not later than 2001, an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to assist in preventing the illicit trafficking in and illicit circulation of small arms and light weapons, to initiate a study as soon as possible, within available financial resources and with any other assistance provided by Member States in a position to do so, on the feasibility of restricting the manufacture and trade of such weapons to the manufacturers and dealers authorized by States;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Small arms".

## F

### Reducing nuclear danger

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* that the use of nuclear weapons poses the most serious threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

*Reaffirming* that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would constitute a violation of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Convinced* that the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects would seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war,

*Convinced* that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

*Considering* that until nuclear weapons cease to exist, it is imperative on the part of the Nuclear-Weapon States to adopt measures that assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

*Considering also* that the hair-trigger alert of nuclear weapons carries unacceptable risks of unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons, which will have catastrophic consequences for all mankind,

*Conscious* that limited steps relating to detargeting have been taken by the nuclear-weapon States to address this concern and that further steps are necessary to contribute to the improvement in the international climate for negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons,

*Mindful* that reduction of tensions brought about by a change in nuclear doctrines would positively impact on international peace and security and improve the conditions for the further reduction and the elimination of nuclear weapons,

*Reiterating* the highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly[39] and by the international community,

*Recalling* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,[40]

[39] Resolution S-10/2.

[40] See A/51/218, annex.

1. *Calls for* a review of nuclear doctrines and in this context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Requests* the five nuclear-weapon States to undertake measures towards the implementation of paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to take the necessary measures to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to promote nuclear disarmament, with the ultimate objective of eliminating nuclear weapons;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Reducing nuclear danger".

## G

### Nuclear testing

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that the cessation of all nuclear testing will contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects, to the process of nuclear disarmament leading to the ultimate objective of the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and therefore to the further enhancement of international peace and security,

*Also reaffirming* its commitment to and the crucial importance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to the international regime on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and as essential foundations for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament,

*Convinced* that all States that have not yet done so should adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and sign and ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty without delay and without conditions,

*Sharing the alarm* expressed internationally, regionally and nationally, at recent nuclear tests,

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1172 (1998), adopted unanimously on 6 June 1998,

1. *Expresses* grave concern over and strongly deplores the recent nuclear tests conducted in South Asia;

2. *Notes* that the States concerned have declared moratoriums on further testing and have said that they are willing to enter into legal commitments not to conduct any further nuclear tests, and reiterates the need for such legal commitments to be expressed in legal form by signing and ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

## H

### Regional disarmament

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that the establishment of internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones, with due regard to the specific characteristics of each region and on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region concerned, can play an important role in promoting regional and global peace and security,

*Welcoming* the Treaties of Tlatelolco,[41] Rarotonga,[42] Bangkok,[43] and Pelindaba,[44] as well as the Almaty Declaration,[45] on the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones and similar initiatives in the respective regions, in accordance with established principles,

*Noting* the sovereign resolve of the States of Central and Eastern Europe to contribute to, and benefit from, the new European security architecture based, *inter alia*, upon the principles of good-neighbourly relations, as well as cooperation with and accession to the Euro-Atlantic structures,

*Welcoming* that, as a result of the historic events of the past few years leading to enhancement of the atmosphere of trust, mutual respect and partnership among European States, the nuclear weapons were withdrawn from the territories of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine and that currently there are no nuclear weapons stationed in the territories of the Central and Eastern European States,

*Taking note also* of the statement of Ministerial North Atlantic Council Meeting, of 10 December 1996, and confirmed by the heads of State or Government of the countries members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Russian Federation,[46] signed in Paris on 27 May 1997, that countries members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of new members,

*Welcoming* efforts to enhance stability and security in Central and Eastern Europe through building a new regional security architecture based on cooperation and shared values and without creating new dividing lines,

1. *Urges* all concerned States to exert efforts to continue making it possible to have no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of the non-nuclear States of the region of Central and Eastern Europe;

2. *Calls upon* all States of Central and Eastern Europe and other States concerned to continue to abide by their nuclear non-proliferation obligations under existing multilateral and bilateral agreements;

3. *Decides* to consider the implementation of the present resolution at its fifty-fifth session under the item entitled "General and complete disarmament".

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[41] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 634, No. 9068.

[42] See *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 10: 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IX.7), appendix VII.

[43] Treaty on the South-East Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.

[44] A/50/426, annex.

[45] A/52/112, annex.

[46] A/52/161–S/1997/413, appendix.

## I

### The Conference on Disarmament decision to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 48/75 L of 16 December 1993,

*Convinced* that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would be a significant contribution to nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects,

*Noting* the report of the Conference on Disarmament,[47] in which, *inter alia*, the Conference records that in proceeding to take a decision on this matter, that decision is without prejudice to any further decisions on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 and that intensive consultations will be pursued to seek the views of the members of the Conference on Disarmament on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, taking into consideration all proposals and views in that respect,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the decision by the Conference on Disarmament[48] to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[49] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that this ad hoc committee has already engaged in the first step in the substantive negotiations;

3. *Encourages* the Conference on Disarmament to re-establish its ad hoc committee at the beginning of the 1999 session.

## J

### Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 50/70 M of 12 December 1995, 51/45 E of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 E of 9 December 1997,

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[47] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27).

[48] See ibid., para. 10.

[49] CD/1299.

*Emphasizing* the importance of the observance of environmental norms in the preparation and implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements,

*Recognizing* that it is necessary to take duly into account the agreements adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as well as prior relevant agreements, in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms limitation,

*Mindful* of the detrimental environmental effects of the use of nuclear weapons,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 52/38 E of 9 December 1997 in all its aspects;

2. *Also reaffirms* that international disarmament forums should take fully into account the relevant environmental norms in negotiating treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation and that all States, through their actions, should fully contribute to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned norms in the implementation of treaties and conventions to which they are parties;

3. *Calls upon* States to adopt unilateral, bilateral, regional and multilateral measures so as to contribute to ensuring the application of scientific and technological progress in the framework of international security, disarmament and other related spheres, without detriment to the environment or to its effective contribution to attaining sustainable development;

4. *Welcomes* the information provided by Member States on the implementation of the measures they have adopted to promote the objectives envisaged in the present resolution;[50]

5. *Invites* all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General information on the measures they have adopted to promote the objectives envisaged in the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report containing this information to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control".

## K

### Relationship between disarmament and development

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly[51] concerning the relationship between disarmament and development,

*Recalling also* the adoption on 11 September 1987 of the Final Document of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development,[52]

*Recalling further* its resolutions 49/75 J of 15 December 1994, 50/70 G of 12 December 1995, 51/45 D of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 D of 9 December 1997,

[50] A/53/158 and Add.1 and 2.

[51] Resolution S-10/2.

[52] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8.

*Bearing in mind* the Final Document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at Durban, South Africa, from 29 August to 3 September 1998,[53]

*Stressing* the growing importance of the symbiotic relationship between disarmament and development in current international relations,

1. *Acknowledges* the report of the Secretary-General[54] and actions taken in accordance with the Final Document of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development;[52]

2. *Urges* the international community to devote part of the resources made available by the implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements to economic and social development, with a view to reducing the ever widening gap between developed and developing countries;

3. *Invites* all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, by 15 April 1999, their views and proposals for the implementation of the action programme adopted at the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development,[55] as well as any other views and proposals with a view to achieving the goals of the action programme, within the framework of current international relations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take action, through appropriate organs and within available resources, for the implementation of the action programme adopted at the International Conference;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development".

## L

### Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the subject, in particular resolution 51/45 P of 10 December 1996,

*Determined* to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Recalling* the long-standing determination of the international community to achieve the effective prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical and biological weapons as well as the continuing support for measures to uphold the authority of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,[56] as expressed by consensus in many previous resolutions,

*Welcoming* the end of the cold war, the ensuing easing of international tension and the strengthening of trust between States,

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[53] A/53/667-S/1998/1071.

[54] A/53/206.

[55] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8, para. 35.

[56] League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

*Welcoming also* the initiatives by some States parties to withdraw their reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

1. *Renews its previous call* to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,[56] and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;

2. *Calls upon* those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

## M

### Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/45 N of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 G of 9 December 1997,

*Convinced* that a comprehensive and integrated approach towards certain practical disarmament measures, such as, *inter alia*, arms control, particularly with regard to small arms and light weapons, confidence-building measures, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants, demining and conversion, often is a prerequisite to maintaining and consolidating peace and security and thus provides a basis for effective rehabilitation and social and economic development in areas that have suffered from conflict,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the international community is more than ever aware of the importance of such practical disarmament measures, especially with regard to the growing problems arising from the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and proliferation of small arms and light weapons, which pose a threat to peace and security and reduce the prospects for economic development in many regions, particularly in post-conflict situations,

*Stressing* that further efforts are needed in order to develop and effectively implement programmes of practical disarmament in affected areas,

*Recalling* the deliberations on guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N, in the Disarmament Commission and the report of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms and its relevance in the context of the present resolution and of the ongoing work in the United Nations Disarmament Commission,

1. *Stresses* the particular relevance of the deliberations in the 1998 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission on guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N, as a useful basis for further deliberations, and encourages the Disarmament Commission to continue its efforts aimed at the adoption of such guidelines in 1999;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures, submitted pursuant to resolution 51/45 N, and once again encourages Member States, as well as regional arrangements and agencies, to lend their support to the implementation of recommendations contained therein;

3. *Invites* the group of interested States that was formed in New York in March 1998 to continue to analyse lessons learned from previous disarmament and peace-building projects, as well as to promote new practical disarmament measures to consolidate peace, especially as undertaken or designed by affected States themselves;

4. *Encourages* Member States, including the group of interested States, to lend their support to the Secretary-General in responding to requests by Member States to collect and destroy small arms and light weapons in post-conflict situations;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Consolidation of Peace through practical disarmament measures".

## N

### Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 52/38 A of 9 December 1997,

*Reaffirming* its determination to put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by anti-personnel mines, which kill or maim hundreds of people every week, mostly innocent and defenceless civilians and especially children, obstruct economic development and reconstruction, inhibit the repatriation of refugees and internally displaced persons, and have other severe consequences for years after emplacement,

*Believing it necessary* to do the utmost to contribute in an efficient and coordinated manner to facing the challenge of removing anti-personnel mines placed throughout the world, and to assure their destruction,

*Wishing* to do the utmost in assuring assistance for the care and rehabilitation, including the social and economic reintegration, of mine victims,

*Recalling* the conclusion of negotiations on 18 September 1997 at Oslo on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction[57] and the opening for signature of the Convention at Ottawa, on 3 and 4 December 1997, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force,

*Welcoming* the addition of new States signatories to the Convention since its opening for signature, the rapid ratification by many signatories and the early achievement of the fortieth ratification of the Convention on 16 September 1998, which, according to the provisions of article 17 of the Convention, will result in the entry into force of the Convention on 1 March 1999,

*Emphasizing* the desirability of attracting the adherence of all States to the Convention, and determined to work strenuously towards the promotion of its universalization,

1. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to sign or, after entry into force, to accede to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;[57]

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention without delay subsequent to their signature;

[57] See CD/1478.

3. *Renews its call upon* all States to contribute towards the full realization and effective implementation of the Convention to advance the care and rehabilitation, and the social and economic reintegration of mine victims, and mine awareness programmes, and the removal of anti-personnel mines placed throughout the world and the assurance of their destruction;

4. *Welcomes* the generous offer by the Government of Mozambique to act as host for the First Meeting of the States Parties;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the First Meeting of the States Parties, to take place in Maputo during the week of 3 May 1999;

6. *Invites* all States parties to the First Meeting of the States Parties and, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention, States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations to attend the Meeting as observers in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure.

## O

### Regional disarmament

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 45/58 P of 4 December 1990, 46/36 I of 6 December 1991, 47/52 J of 9 December 1992, 48/75 I of 16 December 1993, 49/75 N of 15 December 1994, 50/70 K of 12 December 1995, 51/45 K of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 P of 9 December 1997 on regional disarmament,

*Believing* that the efforts of the international community to move towards the ideal of general and complete disarmament are guided by the inherent human desire for genuine peace and security, the elimination of the danger of war and the release of economic, intellectual and other resources for peaceful pursuits,

*Affirming* the abiding commitment of all States to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations in the conduct of their international relations,

*Noting* that essential guidelines for progress towards general and complete disarmament were adopted at the tenth special session of the General Assembly,[58]

*Taking note* of the guidelines and recommendations for regional approaches to disarmament within the context of global security adopted by the Disarmament Commission at its 1993 substantive session,[59]

*Welcoming* the prospects of genuine progress in the field of disarmament engendered in recent years as a result of negotiations between the two super-Powers,

*Taking note* of the recent proposals for disarmament at the regional and subregional levels,

*Recognizing* the importance of confidence-building measures for regional and international peace and security,

[58] Resolution S-10/2.

[59] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 42* (A/48/42), annex II.

*Convinced* that endeavours by countries to promote regional disarmament, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region and in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest level of armaments, would enhance the security of all States and would thus contribute to international peace and security by reducing the risk of regional conflicts,

1. *Stresses* that sustained efforts are needed, within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament and under the umbrella of the United Nations, to make progress on the entire range of disarmament issues;

2. *Affirms* that global and regional approaches to disarmament complement each other and should therefore be pursued simultaneously to promote regional and international peace and security;

3. *Calls upon* States to conclude agreements, wherever possible, for nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels;

4. *Welcomes* the initiatives towards disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and security undertaken by some countries at the regional and subregional levels;

5. *Supports and encourages* efforts aimed at promoting confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels in order to ease regional tensions and to further disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation measures at the regional and subregional levels;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Regional disarmament".

## P

### Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 48/75 J of 16 December 1993, 49/75 O of 15 December 1994, 50/70 L of 12 December 1995, 51/45 Q of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 Q of 9 December 1997,

*Recognizing* the crucial role of conventional arms control in promoting regional and international peace and security,

*Convinced* that conventional arms control needs to be pursued primarily in the regional and subregional contexts since most threats to peace and security in the post-cold-war era arise mainly among States located in the same region or subregion,

*Aware* that the preservation of a balance in the defence capabilities of States at the lowest level of armaments would contribute to peace and stability and should be a prime objective of conventional arms control,

*Desirous* of promoting agreements to strengthen regional peace and security at the lowest possible level of armaments and military forces,

*Noting with particular interest* the initiatives taken in this regard in different regions of the world, in particular the commencement of consultations among a number of Latin American countries and the proposals for conventional arms control made in the context of South Asia, and recognizing, in the context of this subject, the relevance and value of

the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe,[60] which is a cornerstone of European security,

*Believing* that militarily significant States and States with larger military capabilities have a special responsibility in promoting such agreements for regional security,

*Believing also* that an important objective of conventional arms control in regions of tension should be to prevent the possibility of military attack launched by surprise and to avoid aggression,

1. *Decides* to give urgent consideration to the issues involved in conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

2. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament, as a first step, to consider the formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control, and looks forward to a report of the Conference on this subject;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels".

## Q

### Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/45 B of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 N of 9 December 1997,

*Determined* to continue to contribute to the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to the process of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, in particular in the field of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with a view to strengthening international peace and security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the provisions on nuclear-weapon-free zones of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[61] the first special session devoted to disarmament, as well as of the decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[62]

*Stressing* the importance of the treaties of Tlatelolco,[63] Rarotonga,[64] Bangkok,[65] and Pelindaba,[66] establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones, as well as the Antarctic Treaty,[67] to, *inter alia*, the ultimate objective of achieving a world entirely free of nuclear weapons, and underlining also the value of enhancing cooperation among the nuclear-weapon-free zone

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[60] CD/1064.

[61] Resolution S-10/2.

[62] *1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, Part I* (NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part I)), annex, decision 2.

[63] Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

[64] South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty.

[65] Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.

[66] African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.

[67] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 402, No. 5778.

treaty members by means of mechanisms such as joint meetings of States parties, signatories and observers to those treaties,

*Recalling* the applicable principles and rules of international law relating to the freedom of the high seas and the rights of passage through maritime space, including those of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,[68]

1. *Welcomes* the continuing contribution that the Antarctic Treaty and the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba are making towards freeing the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas covered by those treaties from nuclear weapons;

2. *Calls* for the ratification of the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba by all regional States, and calls upon all concerned States to continue to work together in order to facilitate adherence to the protocols to nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties by all relevant States that have not yet done so;

3. *Welcomes* the steps taken to conclude further nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, and calls upon all States to consider all relevant proposals, including those reflected in its resolutions on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the Middle East and South Asia;

4. *Reiterates* the important role of nuclear-weapon-free zones in strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime and in extending the areas of the world that are nuclear-weapon-free, and, with particular reference to the responsibilities of the nuclear-weapon States, calls upon all States to support the process of nuclear disarmament, with the ultimate goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons;

5. *Calls upon* the States parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba, in order to pursue the common goals envisaged in those treaties and to promote the nuclear-weapon-free status of the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas, to explore and implement further ways and means of cooperation among themselves and their treaty agencies;

6. *Encourages* the competent authorities of nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties to provide assistance to the States parties and signatories to such treaties so as to facilitate the accomplishment of these goals;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas".

## R

### Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the subject of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons, in particular resolution 52/38 T of 9 December 1997, adopted without a vote, in which it welcomed the entry into force of the Convention on the Prohibition of

[68] *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction,[69]

*Determined* to achieve the effective prohibition of the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and their destruction,

*Noting with satisfaction* that since the adoption of resolution 52/38 T, fourteen additional States have ratified the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, bringing the total number of States parties to the Convention to one hundred and twenty,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing work of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to achieve the objective and purpose of the Convention, to ensure the full implementation of its provisions, including those for international verification of compliance with it, and to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among States parties;

2. *Stresses* the importance of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in verifying compliance with the provisions of the Convention as well as in promoting the timely and efficient accomplishment of all its objectives;

3. *Stresses* the vital importance of full and effective implementation of, and compliance with, all provisions of the Convention;

4. *Urges* all States parties to the Convention to meet in full and on time their obligations under the Convention and to support the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in its implementation activities;

5. *Emphasizes* the necessity of universal adherence to the Convention, and calls upon all States that have not yet done so to become States parties to the Convention without delay;

6. *Stresses* the importance to the Convention that all possessors of chemical weapons, chemical weapons production facilities or chemical weapons development facilities, including previously declared possessor States, should be among the States parties to the Convention, and welcomes progress to that end;

7. *Welcomes* the emerging cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and efforts towards the prompt conclusion of a relationship agreement between the United Nations and the Organization, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction".

## S

### Transparency in armaments

*The General Assembly*,

*Bearing in mind* that in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, Member States have undertaken to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace

[69] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/47/27), appendix I.

and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources,

*Considering* the urgent need to accelerate efforts towards general and complete disarmament with a view to maintaining regional and international peace and security in a world free from the scourge of war and the burden of all types of armaments,

*Considering also* that openness and transparency relating to all types of armaments would contribute greatly to confidence-building and security among States,

*Recognizing* that an enhanced level of transparency relating to both conventional weapons and weapons of mass destruction and transfers of equipment and technologies directly related to the development and manufacture of such weapons, as well as to high technology with military applications, would promote stability, strengthen regional and international peace and security, and accelerate efforts towards general and complete disarmament,

*Recognizing also* that the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, in its current form, constitutes an important first step towards the promotion of transparency in military matters,

*Convinced* that the principle of transparency should also apply to all weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, and to transfers of equipment and technology directly related to the development and manufacture of such weapons, as well as to high technology with military applications,

*Aware* of the need to foster international efforts in this direction through, *inter alia*, the constant review of the operation of the Register with a view to its further development,

*Stressing* the need to achieve universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[70] and of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction[71] and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction,[72] with a view to realizing the goal of the total elimination of all weapons of mass destruction,

*Recalling* its earlier resolutions on transparency in armaments,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on transparency in armaments;[73]

2. *Recalls* the reports of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, which convened in 1994 and 1997 to consider the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, and the views expressed and proposals presented therein;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of achieving greater progress in the further development of the Register in order that it may truly enhance confidence-building and security among States and accelerate efforts towards attainment of the goal of general and complete disarmament, and to that end urges Member States to submit their views to the Secretary-General concerning the following matters with a view to their consideration by the Group of Governmental Experts, which is to be convened in the year 2000:

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[70] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[71] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/47/27), appendix I.

[72] Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

[73] A/53/334 and Add.1.

(a) The early expansion of the scope of the Register;

(b) The elaboration of practical means for the further development of the Register in order to increase transparency related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, and to transfers of equipment and technology directly related to the development and manufacture of such weapons;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Transparency in armaments".

## T

### Illicit traffic in small arms

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 49/75 G of 15 December 1994, concerning the illicit circulation of small arms, and its resolution 51/45 F of 10 December 1996 on measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 52/38 J of 9 December 1997 on small arms,

*Expressing its appreciation* for the reports of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of resolution 51/45 F[74] and resolution 52/38 C,[75]

*Also expressing its appreciation* for the report of the Secretary-General of 13 April 1998 on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[76] and in this context takes note of the ongoing consideration by the Security Council of the issue of illicit arms flows to and in Africa,

*Welcoming* the initiatives by States Members of the Economic Community of West African States to conclude their agreement on a moratorium on the importing, exporting and manufacture of light weapons,

*Welcoming* the entry into force of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials,

*Welcoming* the decision on the proliferation of small arms and light weapons taken by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixty-eighth ordinary session, held at Ouagadougou from 4 to 7 June 1998,[77]

*Welcoming also* the adoption of the European Union programme for preventing and combating illicit trafficking in conventional arms and the initiatives undertaken in its implementation,

*Stressing the importance* of ongoing efforts to elaborate an international convention against transnational organized crime, including a protocol to combat the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, in the framework of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

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[74] A/52/229.

[75] A/53/207.

[76] A/53/871–S/1998/318.

[77] See A/53/179, annex I.

*Welcoming* the announcement of the Secretary-General on 14 August 1998 designating the Department for Disarmament Affairs as the focal point to coordinate all action on small arms within the United Nations system,

*Underlining* the importance of increased cooperation and coordination both among the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, and within the United Nations Secretariat, in particular with regard to the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the mechanism for Coordinating Action on Small Arms in ongoing initiatives related to illicit trafficking in small arms,

*Recognizing* the human suffering caused by illicit trafficking in small arms and that Governments bear the responsibility to intensify their efforts by developing an understanding of the issues and practical ways of addressing the problem,

*Bearing in mind* the interface between violence, criminality, drug trafficking, terrorism and illicit trafficking in small arms,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to hold broad-based consultations, within available financial resources and with any other assistance provided by Member States in a position to do so, taking into account the ongoing work of the Group of Governmental Experts on Small Arms, with all Member States, interested regional and subregional organizations, international agencies, and experts in the field on:

(a) The magnitude and scope of the phenomenon of illicit trafficking in small arms;

(b) Possible measures to combat illicit trafficking in and illicit circulation of small arms, including those suited to indigenous regional approaches;

(c) The role of the United Nations in collecting, collating, sharing and disseminating information on illicit trafficking in small arms;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the outcome of his consultations;

3. *Invites* Member States in a position to do so to provide the necessary assistance, bilaterally, regionally and through multilateral channels, such as the United Nations, in support of the implementation of measures associated with combating illicit trafficking in and illicit circulation of small arms;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Illicit traffic in small arms".

## U

### Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 49/75 H of 15 December 1994, 50/70 C of 12 December 1995, 51/45 G of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 K of 9 December 1997,

*Bearing in mind* the recent nuclear tests which pose a challenge to international efforts to strengthen the global regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

*Looking forward* to the early entry into force of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II), and welcoming the joint statement on

parameters for the future reduction of nuclear forces, issued by the Presidents of the United States of America and the Russian Federation,[78]

*Welcoming* the efforts of other nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals, most recently that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

*Welcoming also* the accession by Brazil to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[79]

*Reaffirming* the conviction that further advancement in nuclear disarmament will contribute to consolidating the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation ensuring international peace and security,

*Welcoming* the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to establish an ad hoc committee[80] which shall negotiate on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator of 1995[81] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[79] and calls upon States not parties to the Treaty to accede to it without delay and without conditions;

2. *Reaffirms also* the importance for all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to fulfil their obligations under the Treaty;

3. *Calls* for the determined pursuit by the nuclear-weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons, and by all States of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;

4. *Recognizes* that, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons, it is important and necessary to pursue such actions as:

(a) The early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty[82] by all States with a view to its early entry into force, and cessation of nuclear tests pending its entry into force;

(b) The early conclusion of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator and the mandate contained therein;

(c) Multilateral discussions on possible future steps on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation;

(d) The early entry into force of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II) and the early commencement and conclusion of negotiations for START III by the Russian Federation and the United States of America;

(e) Further efforts by the five nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals unilaterally and through their negotiations;

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[78] A/53/371–S/1998/848, annex.

[79] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[80] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27), para. 10.

[81] CD/1299.

[82] See resolution 50/245.

5. *Invites* the nuclear-weapon States to keep the States Members of the United Nations duly informed of the progress or efforts made towards nuclear disarmament;

6. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts in the dismantlement of nuclear weapons, and notes the importance of the safe and effective management of the resultant fissile materials;

7. *Calls upon* all States to redouble their efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, *inter alia*, nuclear weapons, confirming and strengthening if necessary their policies not to export equipment, materials or technology that could contribute to the proliferation of those weapons;

8. *Also calls upon* all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to make their best efforts for the success of the next Review Conference, which will be held in 2000;

9. *Encourages* continued serious discussions on nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament in appropriate forums.

## V

### Transparency in armaments

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 46/36 L of 9 December 1991, 47/52 L of 15 December 1992, 48/75 E of 16 December 1993, 49/75 C of 15 December 1994, 50/70 D of 12 December 1995, 51/45 H of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 R of 9 December 1997 entitled "Transparency in armaments",

*Continuing to take the view* that an enhanced level of transparency in armaments contributes greatly to confidence-building and security among States and that the establishment of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms[83] constitutes an important step forward in the promotion of transparency in military matters,

*Welcoming* the consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the Register, which includes the returns of Member States for 1997,[84]

*Welcoming also* the response of Member States to the request contained in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 46/36 L to provide data on their imports and exports of arms, as well as available background information regarding their military holdings, procurement through national production and relevant policies,

*Stressing* that the continuing operation of the Register and its further development should be reviewed in order to secure a Register that is capable of attracting the widest possible participation,

1. *Reaffirms its determination* to ensure the effective operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms,[83] as provided for in paragraphs 7 to 10 of resolution 46/36 L;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide to the Secretary-General by 31 May annually the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports if appropriate, on the basis of resolutions 46/36 L and

[83] See resolution 46/36 L.

[84] A/53/334.

47/52 L and the recommendations contained in paragraph 64 of the 1997 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development;[85]

3. *Invites* Member States in a position to do so, pending further development of the Register, to provide additional information on procurement from national production and military holdings and to make use of the "Remarks" column in the standardized reporting form to provide additional information such as types and models;

4. *Reaffirms* its decision, with a view to further development of the Register, to keep the scope of and participation in the Register under review, and to that end:

(a) *Recalls* its request to Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction;

(b) *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts to be convened in 2000, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, taking into account the work of the Conference on Disarmament, the views expressed by Member States and his reports on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development,[86] with a view to a decision at its fifty-fifth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources are made available for the Secretariat to operate and maintain the Register;

6. *Invites* the Conference on Disarmament to consider continuing its work undertaken in the field of transparency in armaments;

7. *Reiterates its call upon* all Member States to cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, taking fully into account the specific conditions prevailing in the region or subregion, with a view to enhancing and coordinating international efforts aimed at increased openness and transparency in armaments;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on progress made in implementing the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Transparency in armaments".

## W

### Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 49/75 K of 15 December 1994, 51/45 M of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 O of 9 December 1997,

*Convinced* that the continuing existence of nuclear weapons poses a threat to all humanity and that their use would have catastrophic consequences for all life on Earth, and recognizing that the only defence against a nuclear catastrophe is the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the certainty that they will never be produced again,

[85] A/52/316.

[86] A/49/316 and A/52/316.

*Reaffirming* the commitment of the international community to the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free world,

*Mindful* of the solemn obligations of States parties, undertaken in article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[87] particularly to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament,

*Recalling* the principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament adopted at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[88] and in particular the objective of determined pursuit by the nuclear-weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons,

*Recalling also* the adoption of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in its resolution 50/245 of 10 September 1996, and expressing its satisfaction at the increasing number of States that have signed and ratified the Treaty,

*Recognizing with satisfaction* that the Antarctic Treaty[89] and the treaties of Tlatelolco,[90] Rarotonga,[91] Bangkok[92] and Pelindaba[93] are gradually freeing the entire southern hemisphere and adjacent areas covered by those treaties from nuclear weapons,

*Noting* the efforts by the States possessing the largest inventories of nuclear weapons to reduce their stockpiles of such weapons through bilateral and unilateral agreements or arrangements, and calling for the intensification of such efforts to accelerate the significant reduction of nuclear-weapon arsenals,

*Recognizing* the need for a multilaterally negotiated and legally binding instrument to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the threat or use of nuclear weapons,

*Reaffirming* the central role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, and regretting the lack of progress in disarmament negotiations, particularly nuclear disarmament, in the Conference on Disarmament during its 1998 session,

*Emphasizing* the need for the Conference on Disarmament to commence negotiations on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time,

*Desiring* to achieve the objective of a legally binding prohibition of the development, production, testing, deployment, stockpiling, threat or use of nuclear weapons and their destruction under effective international control,

*Recalling* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*, issued on 8 July 1996,[94]

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[87] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[88] *1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, Part I* (NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part I)), annex, decision 3.

[89] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 402, No. 5778.

[90] Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

[91] South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty.

[92] Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.

[93] African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty.

[94] A/51/218, annex.

*Taking note* of the relevant portions of the report of the Secretary-General[95] relating to the implementation of resolution 52/38 O,

1. *Underlines once again* the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control;

2. *Calls once again upon* all States to immediately fulfil that obligation by commencing multilateral negotiations in 1999 leading to an early conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention prohibiting the development, production, testing, deployment, stockpiling, transfer, threat or use of nuclear weapons and providing for their elimination;

3. *Requests* all States to inform the Secretary-General of the efforts and measures they have taken on the implementation of the present resolution and nuclear disarmament, and requests the Secretary-General to apprise the General Assembly of that information at its fifty-fourth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*".

## X

### Nuclear disarmament

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 49/75 E of 15 December 1994 on a step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat, and its resolutions 50/70 P of 12 December 1995, 51/45 O of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 L of 9 December 1997 on nuclear disarmament,

*Reaffirming* the commitment of the international community to the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free world,

*Bearing in mind* that the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1972[96] and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction of 1993[97] have already established legal regimes on the complete prohibition of biological and chemical weapons, respectively, and determined to achieve a nuclear weapons convention on the prohibition of the development, testing, production, stockpiling, loan, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons and on their destruction, and to conclude such an international convention at an early date,

*Recognizing* that there now exist conditions for the establishment of a world free of nuclear weapons,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[98] the first special session devoted to disarmament, calling for the urgent negotiation of agreements for the cessation of the qualitative improvement and

[95] A/53/208 and Add.1.

[96] Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

[97] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/47/27), appendix I.

[98] Resolution S-10/2.

development of nuclear-weapon systems, and for a comprehensive and phased programme with agreed time-frames, wherever feasible, for the progressive and balanced reduction of nuclear weapons and their means of delivery, leading to their ultimate and complete elimination at the earliest possible time,

*Reiterating* the highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly and by the international community,

*Recognizing* that the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty[99] and any proposed treaty on fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices must constitute disarmament measures, and not only non-proliferation measures, and that these measures, together with an international legal instrument on the joint undertaking of no first use of nuclear weapons by the nuclear-weapon States and on adequate security assurances of non-use and non-threat of use of such weapons for non-nuclear-weapon States, respectively, and an international convention prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons, should be integral measures in a programme leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time,

*Welcoming* the entry into force of the Treaty on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms,[100] to which Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States of America are States parties,

*Welcoming also* the conclusion of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms[101] by the Russian Federation and the United States of America and the ratification of that Treaty by the United States of America, and looking forward to the full implementation of the START I[100] and START II[101] Treaties by the States parties, and to further concrete steps for nuclear disarmament by all the nuclear-weapon States,

*Noting with appreciation* the unilateral measures by the nuclear-weapon States for nuclear arms limitation, and encouraging them to undertake further such measures,

*Recognizing* the complementarity of bilateral and multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament, and that bilateral negotiations can never replace multilateral negotiations in this respect,

*Noting* the support expressed in the Conference on Disarmament and in the General Assembly for the elaboration of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, and the multilateral efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to reach agreement on such an international convention at an early date,

*Recalling* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*, issued on 8 July 1996,[102] and welcoming the unanimous reaffirmation by all Judges of the Court that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

*Mindful* of paragraph 114 and other relevant recommendations in the Final Document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries,

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[99] See resolution 50/245.

[100] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 16:1991 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IX.1), appendix II.

[101] Ibid., vol. 18:1993 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.IX.1), appendix II.

[102] A/51/218, annex.

held at Durban, South Africa, from 29 August to 3 September 1998,[103] calling upon the Conference on Disarmament to establish, on a priority basis, an ad hoc committee to commence negotiations in 1998 on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament and for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time,

*Bearing in mind* the proposal of twenty-eight delegations to the Conference on Disarmament that are members of the Group of 21 for a programme of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons,[104] and expressing its conviction that this proposal will be an important input and will contribute to negotiations on this question in the Conference,

*Commending* the initiative by twenty-six delegations to the Conference on Disarmament that are members of the Group of 21[105] proposing a comprehensive mandate for an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament, which includes negotiations for, as a first step, a universal and legally binding multilateral agreement committing all States to the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons, an agreement on further steps required in a phased programme with time-frames leading to the total elimination of these weapons and a convention on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices taking into account the report of the Special Coordinator on that item[106] and the views relating to the scope of the treaty,

*Taking note* of the declaration issued on 9 June 1998 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovenia, South Africa and Sweden, entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda",[107] supported and responded to by a number of States including some members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries,

1. *Recognizes* that, in view of recent political developments, the time is now opportune for all the nuclear-weapon States to undertake effective disarmament measures with a view to the total elimination of these weapons with a specified framework of time;

2. *Recognizes also* that there is a genuine need to de-emphasize the role of nuclear weapons and to review and revise nuclear doctrines accordingly;

3. *Urges* the nuclear-weapon States to stop immediately the qualitative improvement, development, production and stockpiling of nuclear warheads and their delivery systems;

4. *Also urges* the nuclear-weapon States, as an interim measure, to immediately de-alert and deactivate their nuclear weapons;

5. *Calls* for the conclusion, as a first step, of a universal and legally binding multilateral agreement committing all States to the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

6. *Reiterates its call upon* the nuclear-weapon States to undertake the step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat and to carry out effective nuclear disarmament measures with a view to the total elimination of these weapons with a specified framework of time;

7. *Calls upon* the nuclear-weapon States, pending the achievement of a total ban on nuclear weapons through a nuclear-weapons convention, to agree on an internationally and legally binding instrument of the joint undertaking not to be the first to use nuclear

[103] A/53/667–S/1998/1071, annex I.

[104] A/C.1/51/12, annex.

[105] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No.* 27 (A/52/27), para. 30.

[106] CD/1299.

[107] A/53/138, annex.

weapons, and calls upon all States to conclude an internationally and legally binding instrument on security assurances of non-use and threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon States;

8. *Welcomes* the establishment in the Conference on Disarmament of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Prohibition of the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons and other Nuclear Explosive Devices and urges a speedy conclusion of a universal and non-discriminatory convention thereon, and also welcomes the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons and urges the pursuit of efforts in this regard as a matter of priority;

9. *Expresses its concern* at the continuing opposition by some nuclear-weapon States to the establishment of an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament in the Conference on Disarmament, as called for in General Assembly resolution 52/38 L;

10. *Reiterates its call upon* the Conference on Disarmament to establish, on a priority basis, an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament to commence negotiations early in 1999 on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament and for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time through a nuclear weapons convention;

11. *Urges* the Conference on Disarmament to take into account in this regard the proposal of the twenty-eight delegations for a programme of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons,[104] as well as the mandate for the ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament, proposed by the twenty-six delegations;[105]

12. *Calls* for the convening of an international conference on nuclear disarmament at an early date with the objective of arriving at an agreement on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament and for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time through a nuclear weapons convention;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Nuclear disarmament".

## Y

### Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda

*The General Assembly*,

*Alarmed* by the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons,

*Concerned* at the prospect of the indefinite possession of nuclear weapons,

*Concerned also* at the continued retention of the nuclear-weapons option by those three States that are nuclear-weapons capable and that have not acceded to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[108]

*Believing* that the proposition that nuclear weapons can be retained in perpetuity and never used accidentally or by decision defies credibility, and that the only complete defence is the elimination of nuclear weapons and the assurance that they will never be produced again,

[108] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

*Concerned* that the nuclear-weapon States have not fulfilled speedily and totally their commitment to the elimination of their nuclear weapons,

*Concerned also* that those three States that are nuclear-weapons capable and that have not acceded to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons have failed to renounce their nuclear-weapons option,

*Bearing in mind* that the overwhelming majority of States entered into legally binding commitments not to receive, manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and that these undertakings have been made in the context of the corresponding legally binding commitments by the nuclear-weapon States to the pursuit of nuclear disarmament,

*Recalling* the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice in its 1996 advisory opinion that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

*Stressing* that the international community must not enter the third millennium with the prospect that the possession of nuclear weapons will be considered legitimate for the indefinite future, and convinced that the present juncture provides a unique opportunity to proceed to prohibit and eradicate them for all time,

*Recognizing* that the total elimination of nuclear weapons will require measures to be taken firstly by those nuclear-weapon States that have the largest arsenals, and stressing that these States must be joined in a seamless process by those nuclear-weapon States with lesser arsenals in the near future,

*Welcoming* the achievements to date and the future promise of the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks process and the possibility it offers for development as a plurilateral mechanism including all the nuclear-weapon States, for the practical dismantling and destruction of nuclear armaments undertaken in pursuit of the elimination of nuclear weapons,

*Believing* that there are a number of practical steps that the nuclear-weapon States can and should take immediately before the actual elimination of nuclear arsenals and the development of requisite verification regimes take place, and, in this connection, noting certain recent unilateral and other steps,

*Welcoming* the agreement recently reached in the Conference on Disarmament on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[109] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and considering that such a treaty must further underpin the process towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons,

*Emphasizing* that, for the total elimination of nuclear weapons to be achieved, effective international cooperation to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons is vital and must be enhanced through, *inter alia*, the extension of international controls over all fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

*Emphasizing* the importance of existing nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties and of the signature and ratification of the relevant protocols to these treaties,

[109] CD/1299.

*Noting* the Joint Ministerial Declaration of 9 June 1998[110] and its call for a new international agenda to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, through the pursuit, in parallel, of a series of mutually reinforcing measures at the bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral levels,

1. *Calls upon* the nuclear-weapon States to demonstrate an unequivocal commitment to the speedy and total elimination of their respective nuclear weapons and, without delay, to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to the elimination of these weapons, thereby fulfilling their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;[108]

2. *Calls upon* the United States and the Russian Federation to bring the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II)[111] into force without further delay and immediately thereafter to proceed with negotiations on START III with a view to its early conclusion;

3. *Calls upon* the nuclear-weapon States to undertake the necessary steps towards the seamless integration of all five nuclear-weapon States into the process leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

4. *Also calls upon* the nuclear-weapon States to pursue vigorously the reduction of reliance on non-strategic nuclear weapons and negotiations on their elimination as an integral part of their overall nuclear disarmament activities;

5. *Further calls upon* the nuclear-weapon States, as an interim measure, to proceed to the de-alerting of their nuclear weapons and, in turn, to the removal of nuclear warheads from delivery vehicles;

6. *Urges* the nuclear-weapon States to examine further interim measures, including measures to enhance strategic stability and accordingly to review strategic doctrines;

7. *Calls upon* those three States that are nuclear-weapon capable and that have not yet acceded to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to clearly and urgently reverse the pursuit of all nuclear weapons development or deployment and to refrain from any action which could undermine regional and international peace and security and the efforts of the international community towards nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear weapons proliferation;

8. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to adhere unconditionally and without delay to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to take all the necessary measures which flow from adherence to this instrument;

9. *Also calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to conclude full-scope safeguards agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency and to conclude additional protocols to their safeguards agreements on the basis of the Model Protocol approved by the Board of Governors of the Agency on 15 May 1997;[112]

10. *Further calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify, unconditionally and without delay, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty[113] and, pending the Treaty's entry into force, to observe a moratorium on nuclear tests;

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[110] A/53/138.

[111] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 18:1993 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.IX.1), appendix II.

[112] See IAEA/GOV/2914, attachment 1.

[113] See resolution 50/245.

11. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to adhere to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material[114] and to work towards its further strengthening;

12. *Calls upon* the Conference on Disarmament to pursue its negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee established under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[109] and the mandate contained therein, of a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, taking into consideration both nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament objectives, and to conclude these negotiations without delay, and, pending the entry into force of the treaty, urges States to observe a moratorium on the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

13. *Calls upon* the Conference on Disarmament to establish an appropriate subsidiary body to deal with nuclear disarmament and, to that end, to pursue as a matter of priority its intensive consultations on appropriate methods and approaches with a view to reaching such a decision without delay;

14. *Considers* that an international conference on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, which would effectively complement efforts being undertaken in other settings, could facilitate the consolidation of a new agenda for a nuclear-weapon-free world;

15. *Recalls* the importance of the decisions and resolution adopted at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[115] and underlines the importance of implementing fully the decision on strengthening the review process for the Treaty;

16. *Affirms* that the development of verification arrangements will be necessary for the maintenance of a world free from nuclear weapons, and requests the International Atomic Energy Agency, together with any other relevant international organizations and bodies, to explore the elements of such a system;

17. *Calls* for the conclusion of an internationally legally binding instrument to effectively assure non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

18. *Stresses* that the pursuit, extension and establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at, especially in regions of tension, such as the Middle East and South Asia, represent a significant contribution to the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world;

19. *Affirms* that a nuclear-weapon-free world will ultimately require the underpinnings of a universal and multilaterally negotiated legally binding instrument or a framework encompassing a mutually reinforcing set of instruments;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to compile a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda", and to review the implementation of the present resolution.

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[114] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1456, No. 24631.

[115] NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part II).

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### Bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its previous relevant resolutions,

*Recognizing* the fundamental changes that have taken place with respect to international security, which have permitted agreements on deep reductions in the nuclear armaments of the States possessing the largest inventories of such weapons,

*Mindful* that it is the responsibility and obligation of all States to contribute to the process of the relaxation of international tension and to the strengthening of international peace and security and, in this connection, to adopt and implement measures towards the attainment of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Appreciating* a number of positive developments in the field of nuclear disarmament, in particular the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles,[116] and the treaties on the reduction and limitation of strategic arms,

*Appreciating also* the indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons[117] and acknowledging the importance of the determined pursuit by the nuclear-weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons, and by all States of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Welcoming* the steps that have already been taken by the Russian Federation and the United States of America to begin the process of reducing the number of nuclear weapons and removing such weapons from a deployed status, and bilateral agreements on detargeting strategic nuclear missiles,

*Noting* the positive climate of relations between the States of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, which permits them to intensify their cooperative efforts to ensure the safety, security, and environmentally sound destruction of nuclear weapons,

*Recalling* the Moscow Summit Declaration on Nuclear Safety and Security of April 1996,[118]

*Urging* early action to complete the ratification of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms[119] and further intensification of efforts to accelerate the implementation of agreements and unilateral decisions relating to nuclear arms reduction,

*Appreciating* the joint statement on future reductions in nuclear forces and the joint statement outlining the elements of an agreement for higher-velocity theatre missile defence systems, both issued on 21 March 1997 by the Russian Federation and the United States

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[116] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 12:1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.IX.2), appendix VII.

[117] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

[118] A/51/131, annex I.

[119] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 18:1993 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.IX.1), appendix II.

of America,[120] as well as their joint statement of 10 May 1995 in connection with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems,[121]

*Welcoming* the joint statement issued at Helsinki on 21 March 1997,[120] in which the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States of America reached an understanding that, after the entry into force of START II, their two countries would immediately commence negotiations on a START III agreement, which would include the establishment, by 31 December 2007, of lower aggregate levels of 2,000 to 2,500 deployed warheads,

*Noting with satisfaction* the Protocol to START II, the Joint Agreed Statement, and the Letters on Early Deactivation, agreed to by the Russian Federation and the United States of America in New York on 26 September 1997, which are intended to take further concrete steps to reduce the nuclear danger and strengthen international stability and nuclear safety,

*Welcoming* the signing on 26 September 1997 by Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States of America of a number of significant agreements that contribute to ensuring the viability of the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems,

*Welcoming* the significant reductions made by some of the other nuclear-weapon States, and encouraging all nuclear-weapon States to consider appropriate measures relating to nuclear disarmament,

1. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the Treaty on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Moscow on 31 July 1991 by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America,[122] including the Protocol to that Treaty signed at Lisbon on 23 May 1992 by the parties thereto, and the exchange of documents of ratification between Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States of America on 5 December 1994 at Budapest;

2. *Also welcomes* the signing of the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in Moscow on 3 January 1993,[119] and urges the parties to take the steps necessary to bring that Treaty into force at the earliest possible date;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the reductions of strategic offensive arms being carried out in accordance with the 1991 Treaty as well as the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States of America to the 1993 Treaty in January 1996, and expresses its hope that it will soon be possible for the Russian Federation to take corresponding steps to ratify that Treaty and for the United States Senate and the State Duma of the Russian Federation to approve the Protocol to the 1993 Treaty and other documents signed on 26 September 1997, so that START II can enter into force;

4. *Expresses further satisfaction* at the continuing implementation of the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles,[116] in particular at the completion by the parties of the destruction of all their declared missiles subject to elimination under the Treaty;

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[120] See CD/1460.

[121] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 944, No. 13446.

[122] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 16:1991 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IX.1), appendix II

5. *Welcomes* the removal of all nuclear weapons from the territory of Kazakhstan as from 1 June 1995, from the territory of Ukraine as from 1 June 1996, and from the territory of Belarus as from 30 November 1996;

6. *Encourages* Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States of America to continue their cooperative efforts aimed at eliminating strategic offensive arms on the basis of existing agreements, and welcomes the contributions that other States are making to such cooperation as well;

7. *Welcomes* the participation in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine as non-nuclear-weapon States, which thereby provided notable enhancement of the non-proliferation regime;

8. *Welcomes* the initiative signed by Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton on 2 September 1998, contained in the joint statement on the exchange of information on missile launches and early warning, to exchange information on the ballistic missiles and space launch vehicles derived from each side's missile launch warning system, including the possible establishment of a centre for the exchange of missile launch data operated by the Russian Federation and the United States of America and separate from their respective national centres, and takes note of the initiative to examine bilaterally the possibility of establishing a multilateral ballistic missile and space launch vehicle pre-launch notification regime in which other States could voluntarily participate;

9. *Welcomes* the September 1998 pledge by the Russian Federation and the United States of America to remove by stages approximately fifty metric tons of plutonium from each of their nuclear weapons programmes, and to convert this material so that it can never be used in nuclear weapons;

10. *Urges* the Russian Federation and the United States of America to commence negotiations on a START III agreement immediately after ratification by the Russian Federation of START II, thereby fulfilling the commitments they undertook in the joint statement issued in Moscow on 2 September 1998;

11. *Encourages and supports* the Russian Federation and the United States of America in their efforts aimed at reducing and eliminating their nuclear weapons on the basis of existing agreements and to continue to give those efforts the highest priority in order to contribute to the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons;

12. *Invites* the Russian Federation and the United States of America to keep other States Members of the United Nations duly informed of progress in their discussions and in the implementation of their strategic offensive arms agreements and unilateral decisions.

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### Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 49/75 I of 15 December 1994, 50/70 F of 12 December 1995, 51/45 C of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 F of 9 December 1997,

*Recalling also* that, there has been a consensus to do so in each case, three special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament were held in 1978, 1982 and 1988, respectively,

*Bearing in mind* the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[123] adopted by consensus at the first special session devoted to disarmament, which included the Declaration, Programme of Action and Machinery for disarmament,

*Bearing in mind also* the objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

*Welcoming* the recent positive changes in the international landscape, characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions at the global level and the emergence of a new spirit governing relations among nations,

*Taking note* of paragraph 145 of the Final Document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Durban, South Africa, from 29 August to 3 September 1998,[124] which supported the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the process of disarmament and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favour of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons,

*Taking note also* of the report of the 1998 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission on the item entitled "Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament",[125]

*Desiring* to build upon the substantive exchange of views on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament during the 1998 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission,

*Reiterating its conviction* that a special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament can set the future course of action in the field of disarmament, arms control and related international security matters,

*Emphasizing* the importance of multilateralism in the process of disarmament, arms control and related international security matters,

*Noting* that, with the recent accomplishments made by the international community in the field of weapons of mass destruction as well as conventional arms, the following years would be opportune for the international community to start the process of reviewing the state of affairs in the entire field of disarmament and arms control in the post-cold-war era,

1. *Decides*, subject to the emergence of a consensus on its objectives and agenda, to convene the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Disarmament Commission on its 1998 substantive session,[126] and recommends that an item entitled "Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" be included in the agenda of the Commission at its 1999 session, which should promote agreement on the agenda and timing of the special session;

[123] Resolution S-10/2.

[124] A/53/667–S/1998/1071, annex I.

[125] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 42* (A/53/42).

[126] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 42* (A/53/42).

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" and, subject to the outcome of the deliberations at the 1999 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, to set an exact date for and to decide on organizational matters relating to the convening of the special session.